

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2290 - HB 2319

January 28, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to report to the Department of Education by March 1 of each year, the number of students in the school district who are taking Ritalin or other psychotropic drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The Commissioner of Education shall compile the data submitted by the LEAs and report to the Senate and House Education Committees and to the Select Oversight Committee on Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

According to the Department of Education, the LEAs must already report annually to the department the number of students who are on behavior medications, but do not currently include the name of the behavior medication. Assumes, however, that to include the name of such medication on the report will result in minimal impact.

Since the Commissioner of Education reports frequently to the Senate and House Education Committees and the Select Oversight Committee on Education, there would be no additional fiscal impact to inform the committees of the number of students on behavior medications.

Note: The LEAs may be unaware of some students who take Ritalin or other behavior medications since these students may not have informed the school system that they take such medication only at home.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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